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In re application of:  
Kenneth L. Martin      DECISION ON PETITION  
Serial No: 09/710,535  
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For: SHOWERHEAD

This is a decision on the petition received March 11, 2003, to withdraw the holding of abandonment in the above-identified application.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to reply within the meaning of 37 C.F.R. 1.113 in timely manner to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application on May 1, 2001. Which set a shortened statutory period for reply of two (2) months. Accordingly, this application became abandoned July 3, 2001. The notice of abandonment was mailed on December 3, 2002.

On March 11, 2003, the office received a communication from the attorney of record. Enclosed was an acknowledgement that the attorney never received the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application mailed on May 1, 2001.

The petition is hereby GRANTED.

A new Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application is enclosed with this decision setting forth a response period of two months from the date of the notice.

The Office regrets any inconvenience this may have caused the client.

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